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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Elliot R. Ramberg

Group Art Unit: 1634

Serial No.: 09/776,568

Examiner: Lu, Frank Wei Min

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Title: Methods and Compositions for Detection of Disease

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

May 16, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a three month extension of time, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.17 and 1.136, up to and including May 19, 2003, within which to respond to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002 in the captioned application.

Our check in the amount of \$465.00 associated with this Petition is enclosed. Applicant is a small entity and such status is requested.

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